COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

<u>L.R. No.</u>: 5481-02 <u>Bill No.</u>: SB 1026

Subject: Children and Minors; Health and Senior Services Department

Type: Original

<u>Date</u>: April 28, 2020

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to in-home child care facilities.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue				

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	
Federal*	\$0 or (\$6,041,656)	\$0 or (\$6,041,656)	\$0 or (\$6,041,656)	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0 or (\$6,041,656)	\$0 or (\$6,041,656)	\$0 or (\$6,041,656)	

^{*} Loss due to non-compliance with CCDF program requirements.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)						
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	21 FY 2022 FY				
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0			

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0	

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§210.221 - In-home child care facility exemption for related children

Officials from the **Department of Social Services (DSS)** state this language was previously in statute and is being added back in. If related children of LLC's (limited liability corporation) and Corporations are not counted in the total number of children cared for, this would result in the state not being in compliance with Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) regulations. Federal regulations require that there must be defined staff/child ratios and a defined total group number. For example, if a family-based child care provider is licensed for 10 and provider cares for her own 2 children then the group size would have to be at least 12. The group number may be any number as long as it is defined.

The fiscal impact of this proposal would be a loss of 4% of the Child Care Development Funds (CCDF) block grant due to being out of compliance and to continue funding at the current level would require additional General Revenue funding. Current federal CCDF funding is \$151,041,388. A 4% reduction in funding would equal \$6,041,656.

Oversight notes the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) has stated the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact on their organization. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for this organization.

Oversight contacted DHSS for additional information relating to this proposal as DHSS is responsible for licensing child care facilities in Missouri. DHSS stated "the Child Care Development Fund requires states to outline a ratio of the number of children to caregivers to comply with federal requirements. The language in §210.221.4 allows for an unlimited number of children related to the provider in addition to the number of unrelated children. Because there is not a limit on the number of related children, Missouri would not have a defined staff/child ratio." It is assumed not having a staff/child ratio would cause noncompliance with the federal program.

Oversight is unsure if Missouri will be determined to be noncompliant (and funding withheld), therefore, for fiscal note purposes, **Oversight** will present DSS' potential anticipated loss of CCDF funding as \$0 or a loss of \$6,041,656 annually.

This proposal contains an emergency clause.

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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS	<u>\$0 or</u> (\$6,041,656)	<u>\$0 or</u> (\$6,041,656)	<u>\$0 or</u> (\$6,041,656)
<u>Loss</u> - DSS (§210.211) - Non-compliance with CCDF program requirements	\$0 or (\$6,041,656)	\$0 or (\$6,041,656)	\$0 or (\$6,041,656)
FEDERAL FUNDS			
FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

This proposal may impact small business child-care facilities organized as business entities. (§210.221)

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This act excludes from the number of children counted toward the maximum number of children for which a child care facility is licensed those children who are related within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to a child care provider who is responsible for the daily operation of an in-home licensed child care facility organized as a legal entity in Missouri. If more than one member of the legal entity is responsible for the daily operation of the facility, then the related children of only one such member shall be excluded.

This act has an emergency clause.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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